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OF

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AVENGERS ISLAND
AVENGERS IDEA MECHANICS HQ
Located 13 miles off the coast of California in international waters.

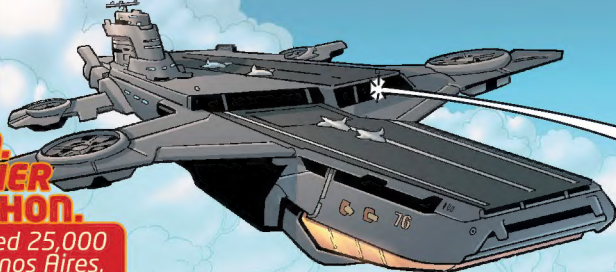
Roberto Da Costa bought the villainous organization A.I.M. and transformed it into Avengers Idea Mechanics, a group dedicated to international rescue operations. Backed by an army of the best scientists and engineers in the world, the New Avengers worked to protect Earth from anything that threatened the peace--until they flouted international law to rescue an infamous hacktivist from S.H.I.E.L.D. custody.

When S.H.I.E.L.D. and the U.S. Army retaliated, Roberto, A.I.M. and a handful of New Avengers retreated to a secret second base in the Savage Land --while Songbird, Roberto's secret triple agent, remained embedded in S.H.I.E.L.D. But when a new Inhuman emerged with the ability to see the future, Songbird was called away to protect New York from a threat he predicted, and Agent John Garrett was left in charge of finding A.I.M.'s new headquarters. Garrett's willing to do anything to succeed, including hacking Dum Dum Dugan's many Life-Model Decoys into a mindless machine army.

Meanwhile, the Maker--an evil, alternate universe version of Reed Richards--and his followers in W.H.I.S.P.E.R. prepared to make their move against A.I.M....

S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER BELLEROPHON.

Currently moored 25,000 feet above Buenos Aires.



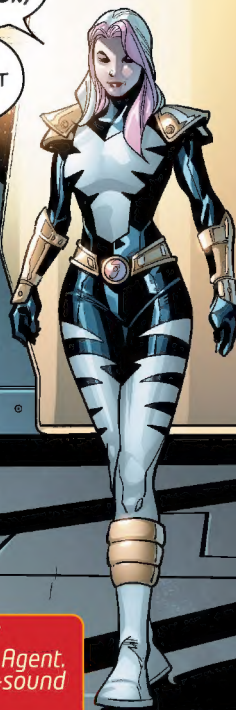
AGENT GOLD.

THANKS FOR JOINING US.

YOU'VE MET DUM DUM DUGAN, RIGHT?

THE LIVING LEGEND HIMSELF. IT'S AN HONOR, SIR.

DUGAN'S A VALUABLE PART OF MY TEAM THESE DAYS. AIN'T THAT RIGHT, YOU OLD WALRUS?



DUM DUM DUGAN.

S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent. Advanced Life-Model Decoy. Reprogrammed against his will.

JOHN GARRETT.

S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent. Robot body, murky morals. In command of anti-A.I.M. operations.

MELISSA GOLD.

A.K.A. "Songbird." Secret A.I.M. Triple Agent. Main power: solid-sound projection.

PART OF THE TEAM.

SEE?

WHAT A GUY, HUH?

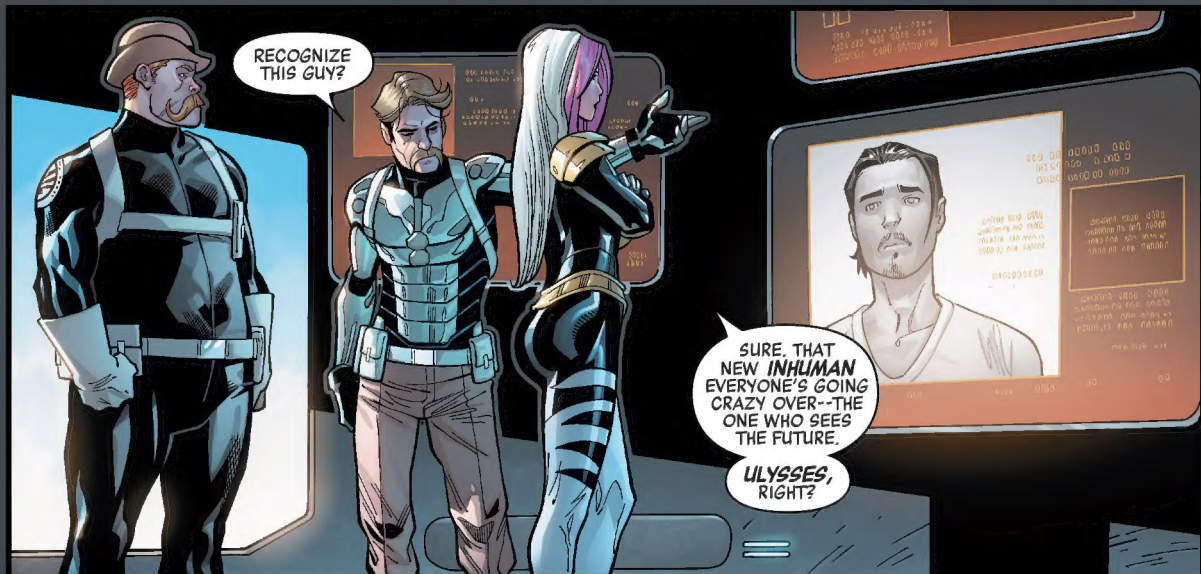
CONSIDERING HE AIN'T EVEN A REAL GUY, I MEAN...

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT, GARRETT?

AGENT GOLD...

...I AM SO VERY GLAD YOU ASKED.





RECOGNIZE
THIS GUY?

SURE, THAT
NEW **INHUMAN**
EVERYONE'S GOING
CRAZY OVER--THE
ONE WHO SEES
THE FUTURE.

ULYSSES,
RIGHT?



RIGHT. ONLY HE DOESN'T
JUST SEE THE FUTURE--
HE CAN **TRANSMIT**. FOLKS
SEE WHAT **HE** SEES. FEEL
WHAT HE **FEELS**.

FOLKS LIKE
HIS BUDDY
KARNAK, FOR
INSTANCE.



WHERE'S
THIS GOING,
AGENT?

TWO THINGS
ABOUT **KARNAK**.
ONE--HE'S A **DETAIL**
MAN. SEES THE
LITTLE THINGS.
THE **LITTLE**
FLAWS.

AND **TWO**--
HE HAS A
DECENT WORKING
RELATIONSHIP
WITH **US**.



OR MAYBE
HE'S JUST HAVING
FUN/WHO **KNOWS**
WHAT GOES ON IN
THAT WEIRD BIG
HEAD, RIGHT?

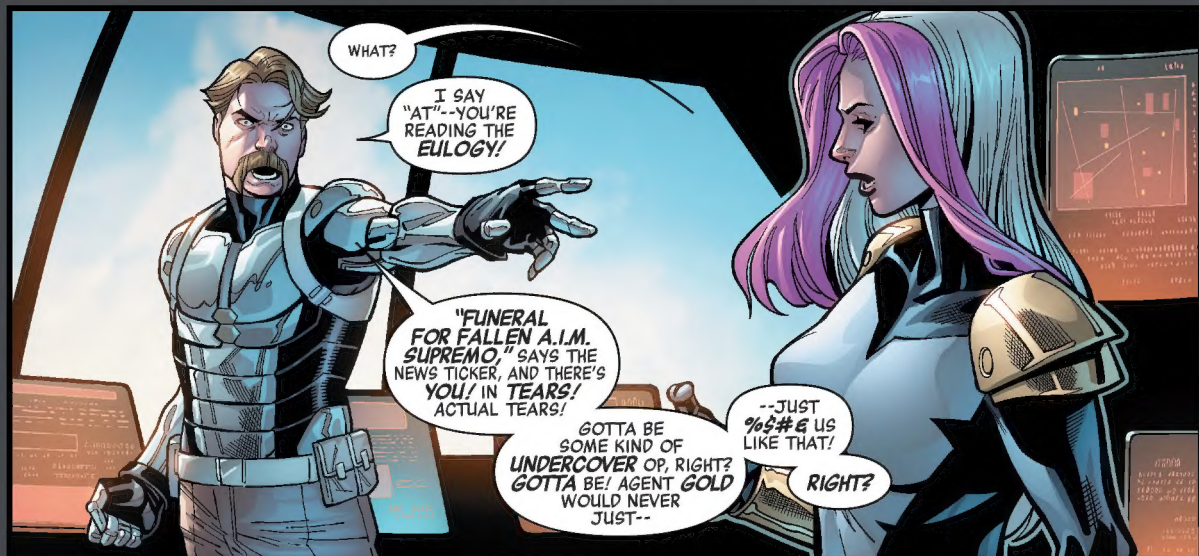
BUT HE
SAW SOMETHING.
A **LITTLE DETAIL** ON
A TV SCREEN IN THE
CORNER OF A
FUTURE VISION.

AND
EVENTUALLY...
WORD GOT
TO ME.



SO **TELL**
ME, AGENT
GOLD.

WHY ARE YOU
AT **ROBERTO DA**
COSTA'S FUNERAL
A MONTH FROM
NOW?



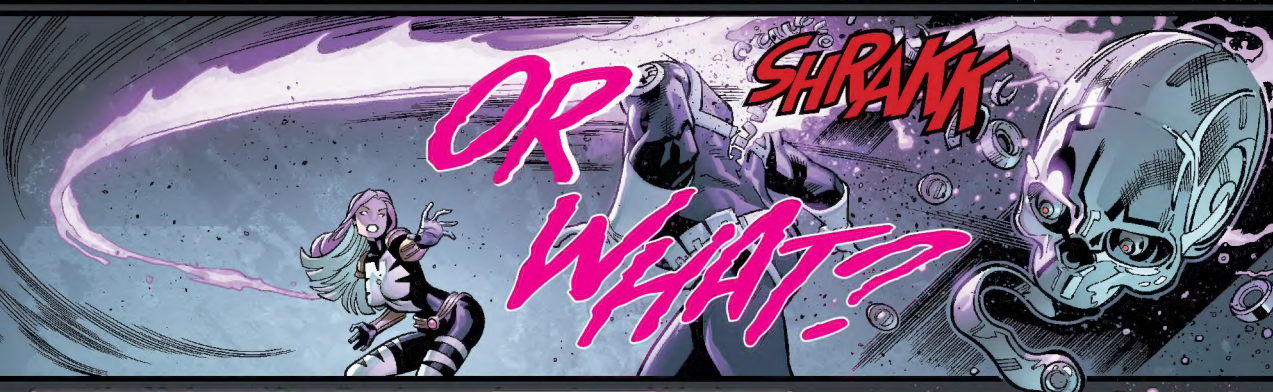


--HANDS OFF!

NO POINT FIGHTING, GOLD. IT'S OVER.

COME QUIETLY, OR--

OR?



OR
WHAT?

SHRAKK



PART OF THE TEAM.

ANOTHER ONE?

THAT'S RIGHT, YOU CAN HOP INTO SPARE BODIES NOW, CAN'T YOU?



FINE BY ME!

WHROOMM

I DON'T CARE HOW MANY OF YOU THERE ARE, PUGAN--I'M STILL GOING TO--



--OH.

PART OF THE TEAM.



PART
OF THE
TEAM.

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A.I.M. vs. S.H.I.E.L.D. Part II: PART OF THE TEAM

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AVENGER BASE TWO.

A.I.M.'s secret Savage
Land headquarters.

--THE SO-
CALLED "NEW
AVENGER" HAWKEYE,
RECENTLY
FIRED FROM
S.H.I.E.L.D.--

--ARROW
DIRECTLY
THROUGH THE
BRAIN--

--CALL IT
MURDER, MEGAN!
CALCULATED,
COLD-BLOODED--

--APPARENTLY
PROMPTED
BY A VISION OF
A POSSIBLE
FUTURE--

--TRIAL
CONTINUES--



SAM GUTHRIE.

A.K.A. "Cannonball."
A.I.M. Field Agent.
Main power: rocket legs.

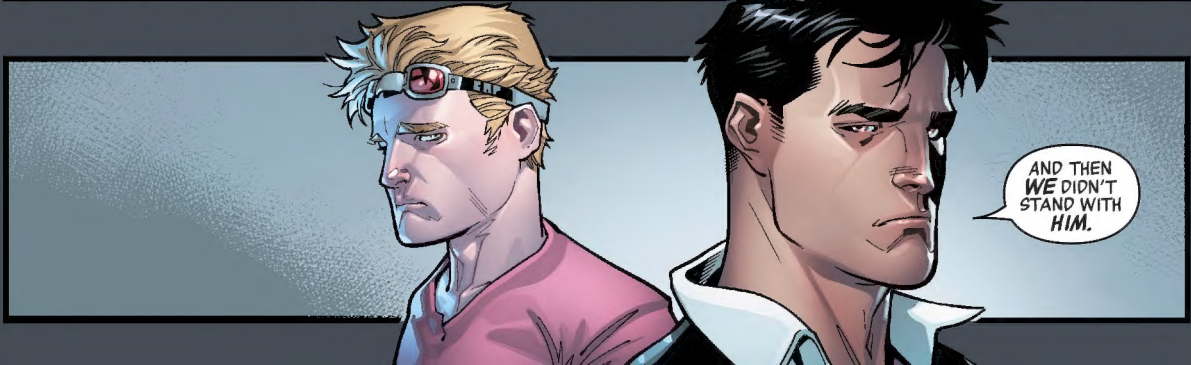
I BLAME
MYSELF
FOR THIS.

HUH?
HOW
SO?

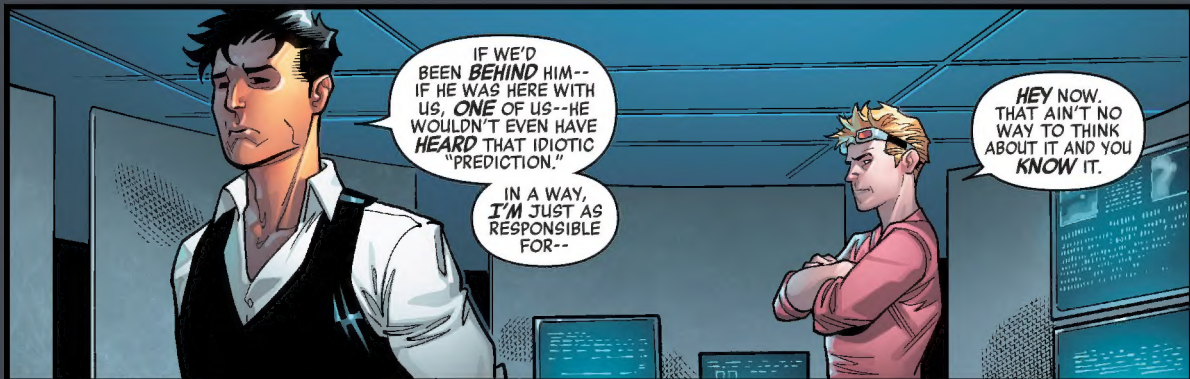
WHEN IT
COUNTED--
WHEN IT HIT
THE FAN--CLINT
BARTON STOOD
WITH US.

ROBERTO DA COSTA.

A.K.A. "Sunspot."
Supreme Leader of A.I.M.
Main power: money.



AND THEN
WE DIDN'T
STAND WITH
HIM.



IF WE'D BEEN *BEHIND* HIM-- IF HE WAS HERE WITH US, *ONE* OF US--HE WOULDN'T EVEN HAVE HEARD THAT IDIOTIC "PREDICTION."

IN A WAY, I'M JUST AS RESPONSIBLE FOR--

HEY NOW. THAT AIN'T NO WAY TO THINK ABOUT IT AND YOU *KNOW* IT.



F'R ONE THING, WE COULDN'T EVEN GET TO THE FELLA. S.H.I.E.L.D. WAS WATCHING HIM LIKE A HAWK.

AIN'T LIKE WE NEVER *TRIED*, NOW IS IT?

WE DIDN'T TRY HARD *ENOUGH*.

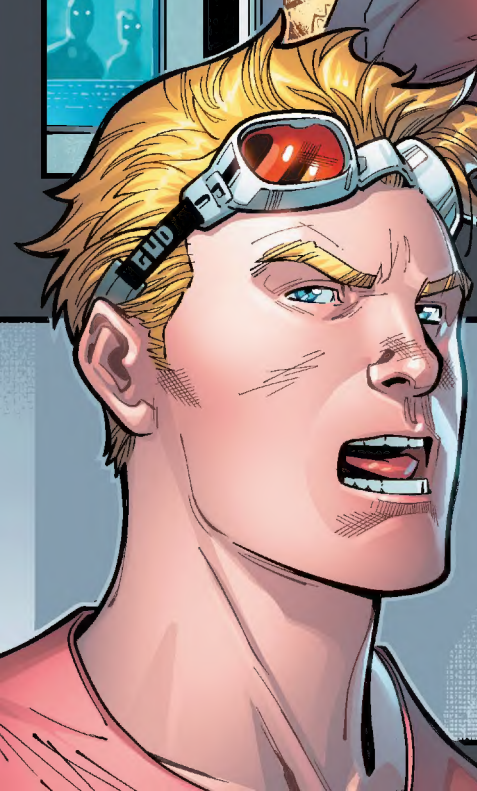


AND F'R *ANOTHER*--A MAN MAKES HIS OWN CHOICES IN THIS WORLD, BOBBY. AND PAYS FOR 'EM.

BARTON DID WHAT HE FELT HE *HAD* TO--

"WHAT A MAN'S GOTTA DO," HUH, SAM?

AND THAT MAKES IT OKAY TO *KILL* A FELLOW AVENGER?



MAKES IT A CHOICE *HE* MADE. NOT YOU OR ANYONE ELSE.

AH HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, MR. *SUPREME LEADER*, BUT THE WORLD JUST DON'T REVOLVE AROUND YOU LIKE THAT.

HELL, YOU THINK AH'D LEAVE MY *WIFE AND SON* FOR A WEEK AT A TIME JUST 'CAUSE IT'S YOU ASKIN'?

AH'M HERE 'CAUSE *AH* THINK IT'S RIGHT, BOBBY. AND 'CAUSE IT'S YOU ASKIN'.



...I LOVE YOU TOO, SAM.

AND LISTEN, THIS TRAGEDY ASIDE, THINGS ARE QUIETER THAN I THOUGHT THEY'D BE.

IF YOU WANT TO GO TAKE SOME QUALITY TIME WITH IZZY AND JOSH...



AW, I WASN'T TRYIN' TO--IZZY AND ME, WE'RE OKAY WITH THE COMMUTE--

THE COMMUTE TO SPACE? SURE, SAM GUILT-THRIE.

"AH... AH'M NIGH-INVULNERABLE WHEN AH'M BLASTIN'... 'CEPT FER MAH LONESOME HEART..."



YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY EX-NEW MUTANT ON THE BASE, REMEMBER. I'M SURE OUR MUTUAL FRIEND COULD FILL IN IF YOU--

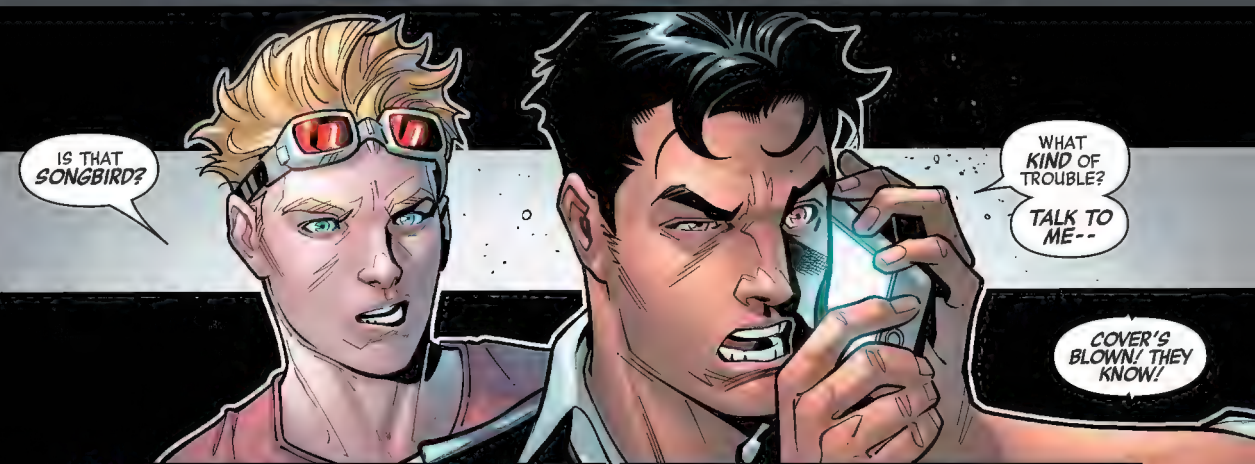
HANG ON. THAT'S THE EMERGENCY BUZZ.



HELLO?

BOBBY!

WE'VE GOT TROUBLE!



IS THAT
SONGBIRD?

WHAT
KIND OF
TROUBLE?
TALK TO
ME--

COVER'S
BLOWN! THEY
KNOW!



AND THERE'S
BEEN A NEW
PREDICTION--THEY
SAY YOU'RE GOING
TO--

UNNNH!

MEL!

WHOKK



MEL,
COME
IN--

IF YOU
CAN HEAR ME,
PLEASE
RESPOND--



DAMN!

SAM--GET
MAX AND VIC!
THEY'RE THE BEST
WE'VE GOT FOR A
RESCUE OP!

TELL
THEM WE'RE
PREPPING THE
STEALTH
ZERO!

AH'M
ON IT--

"--AH JUST
HOPE WE'RE NOT
TOO LATE."

WAKE UP,
GOLD.

GARRETT.

WHY...
CAN'T I...

TAKE US
ALL OUT
WITH A BLAST
OF SOLID
SOUND?

BECAUSE
WE'RE NOT
STUPID.

SO...
WHAT
NOW?

TORTURE?

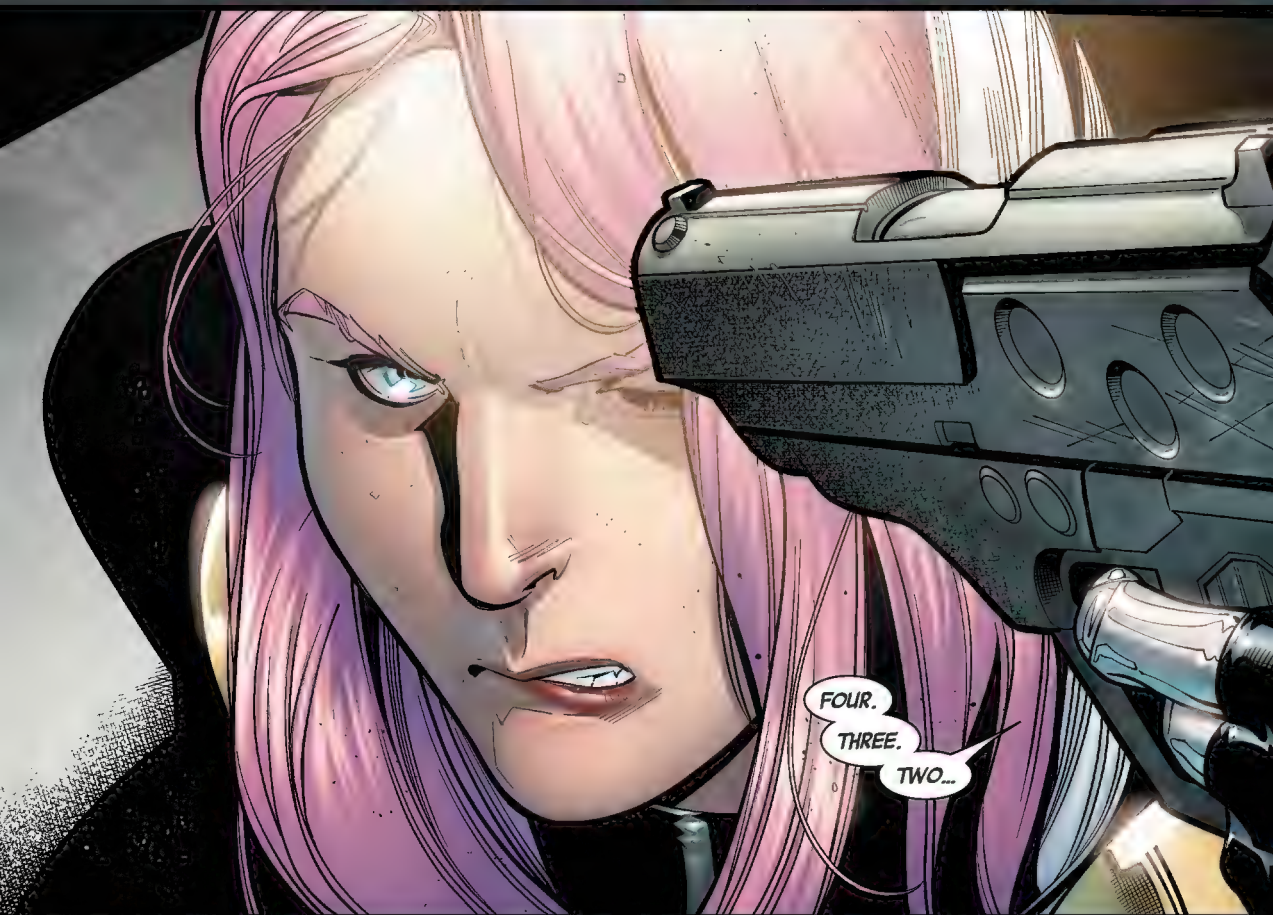
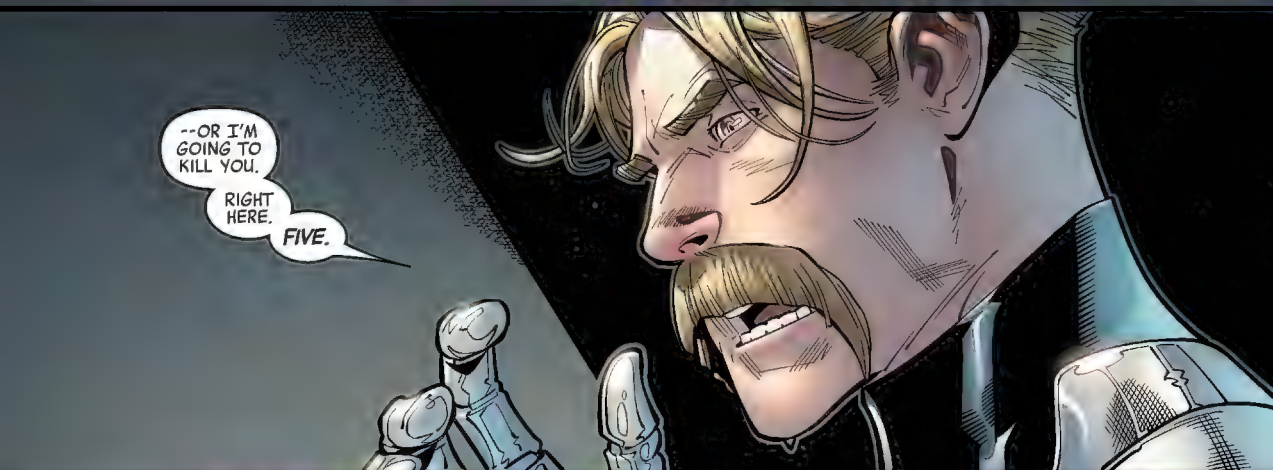
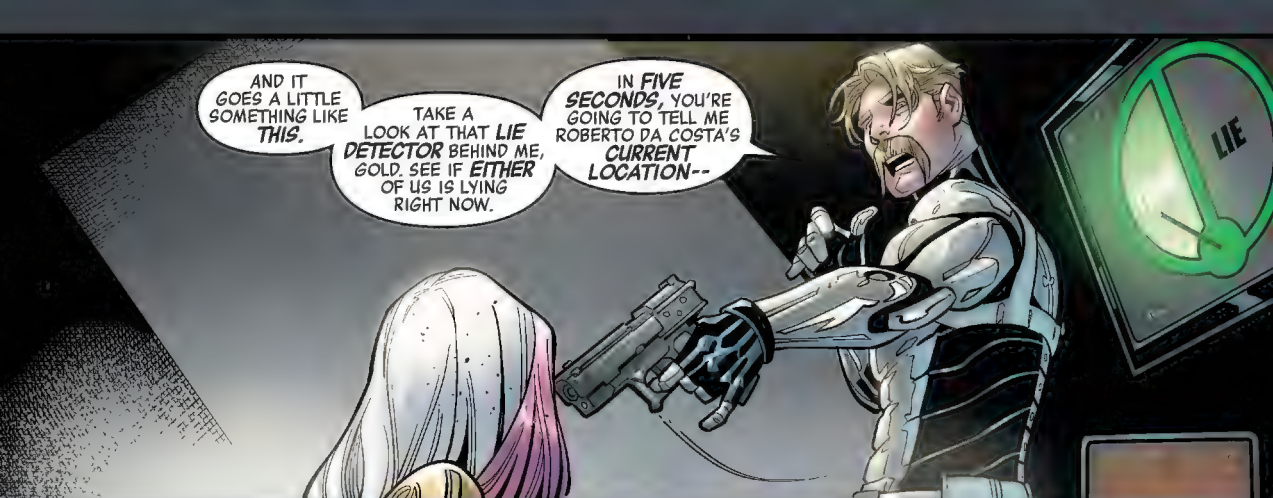
WE
DISABLED THOSE
ENHANCEMENTS
THE FIXER BUILT INTO
YOU THE SECOND
YOU WERE
DOWN.

AND SINCE
YOU BURNED
OUT YOUR ORIGINAL
SCREAMING
MIMI POWERS...
WELL.

YOU'RE NOT
THE **DEADLIEST**
PERSON WE'VE
HAD IN THAT
CHAIR.

DON'T BE
RIDICULOUS. WE'D
NEVER SINK TO
THAT LEVEL.

WE CALL
IT **ENHANCED**
INTERROGATION.





THAT'S THE STEALTH ZERO?

WITH A NAME LIKE THAT, I WAS THINKING IT'D LOOK LESS LIKE A TIN CAN TELEPHONE.

IT IS FINISHED, RIGHT? YOU DON'T STILL HAVE TO BUILD THE ENGINE?

VIC ALVAREZ.
A.K.A. "Power Man."
A.I.M. Field Agent.
Main power: Chi absorption.

DR. MAX BRASHEAR.
A.K.A. "Dr. Positron."
A.I.M. Head of Theoretical Physics.
Main power: genius.

NO, WE DO NOT.



THOSE CERAMIC PANELS ARE ANTI-GRAV UNITS THAT NEGATE THE WEIGHT OF THE CARGO-- WHICH IS US.

...YOU'VE MET THE ENGINE, RIGHT?

HOWDY.

OH, NO.

MEANWHILE, THE POLYMER COATING MAKES THE PASSENGER PODS EFFECTIVELY FRICTIONLESS, AS WELL AS RADAR-INVISIBLE.

AND AS FOR THE ENGINE...

OKAY. PLEASE TELL ME THERE IS ANOTHER RIDE WE CAN TAKE AND STILL DO THIS.

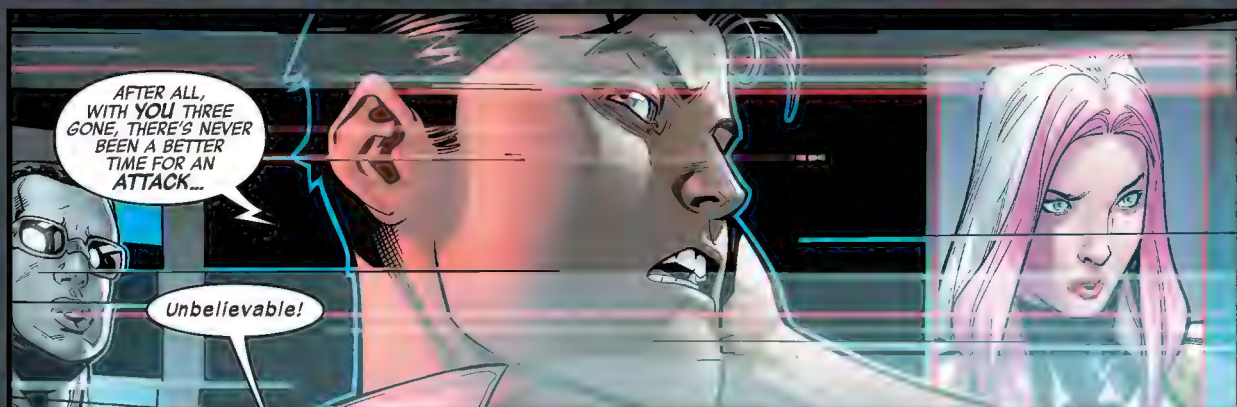
PLEASE.

'CAUSE IF I GET IN THAT THING? THE FIRST THING THAT'LL HAPPEN IS...



OH, YEAH. I'M GONNA BE SICK.

YEEHAAAAW!



"...to give Da Costa what he's been asking for."

AVENGER BASE TWO'S ENGINEERING BAY.

Where the magic happens.
Only with science.

OKAY, I'VE BEEN STUDYING YOU FOR A WHILE NOW, POD--AIKKU.

AND WHEN WE WERE IN EACH OTHER'S MINDSPACE RECENTLY...WELL, I NOTICED SOMETHING. SOMETHING I HADN'T CONSIDERED.

LIKE ONE OF THOSE OPTICAL ILLUSIONS WHERE YOU EITHER SEE A RABBIT OR A DUCK.

DR. TORI-HO.

A.I.M. Head of Engineering.
Main power: also genius.

AIKKU JOKINEN.

A.K.A. "Pod" A.I.M. Field Agent.
Main power: fused to a planetary defense weapon named "Pod."

SEE, SINCE I CAME TO A.I.M.--SINCE I MET YOU-- I'VE BEEN SEEING THE DUCK.

THE BEAUTIFUL GIRL WHO LOST EVERYTHING-- HER LOVE, HER LIFE, HER SELF--BECAUSE SHE COULDN'T SURVIVE OUTSIDE THE UGLY SUIT OF ARMOR.

NO OFFENSE, POD.

EVERYTHING IS COOL.

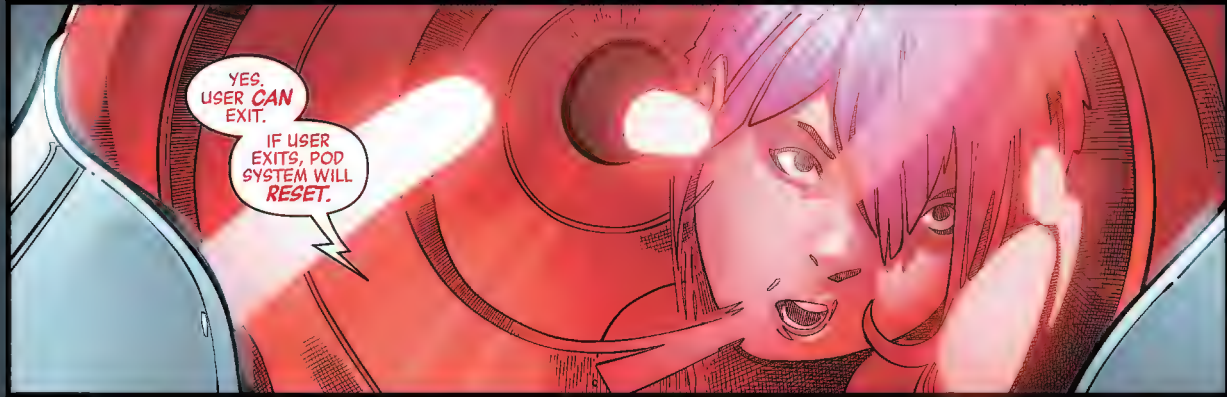
AND I'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THE ARMOR--AT YOU, POD, THE WAY YOU FIT TOGETHER-- AND ASSUMING YOU COULDN'T OPEN.

BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE, IS IT? BECAUSE IT'S NOT A DUCK AT ALL.

IT'S A RABBIT.

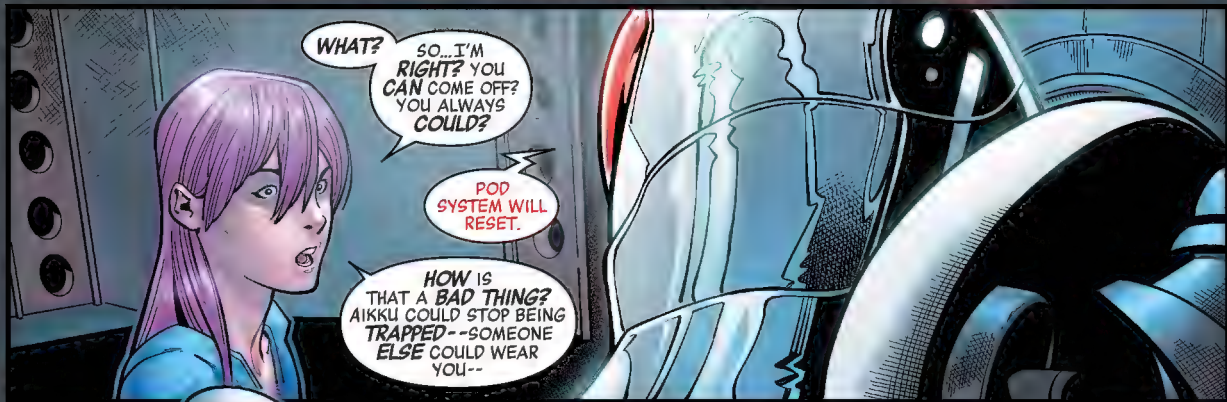
IF YOU'RE ARMOR, POD... ARMOR'S MEANT TO COME OFF.

AND I THINK AIKKU JOKINEN CAN LEAVE WHENEVER SHE WANTS TO.



YES.
USER CAN
EXIT.

IF USER
EXITS, POD
SYSTEM WILL
RESET.

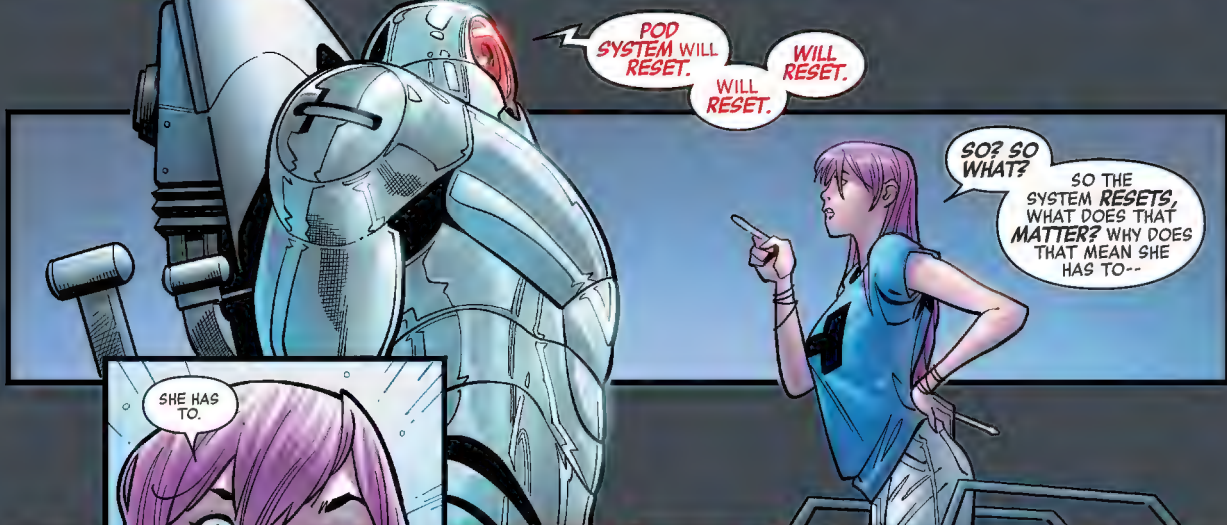


WHAT?

SO...I'M
RIGHT? YOU
CAN COME OFF?
YOU ALWAYS
COULD?

POD
SYSTEM WILL
RESET.

HOW IS
THAT A BAD THING?
AIKKU COULD STOP BEING
TRAPPED--SOMEONE
ELSE COULD WEAR
YOU--



POD
SYSTEM WILL
RESET.

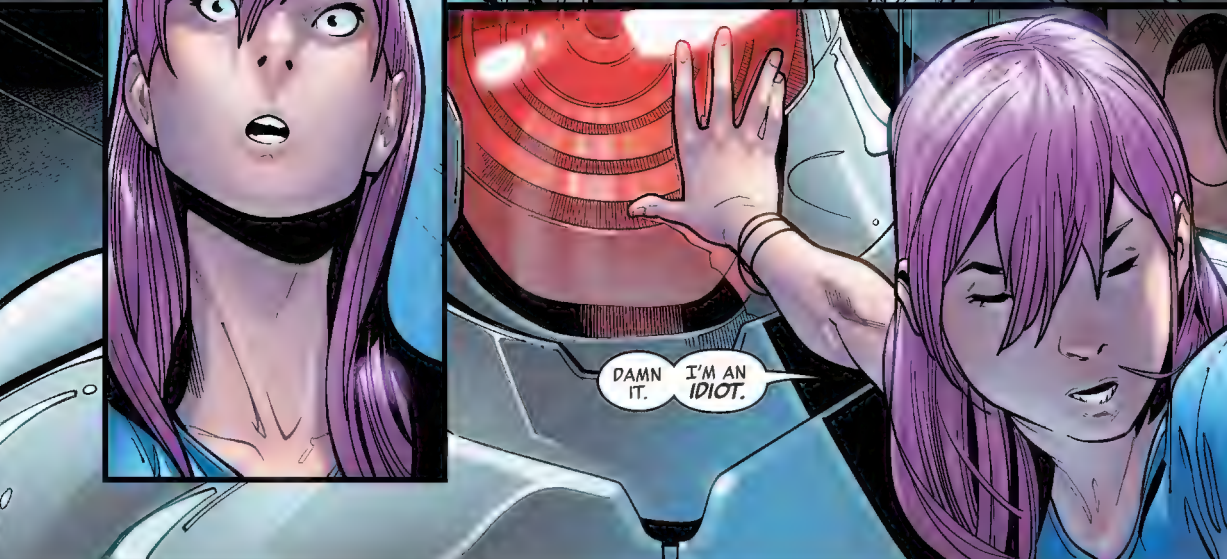
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RESET.

WILL
RESET.

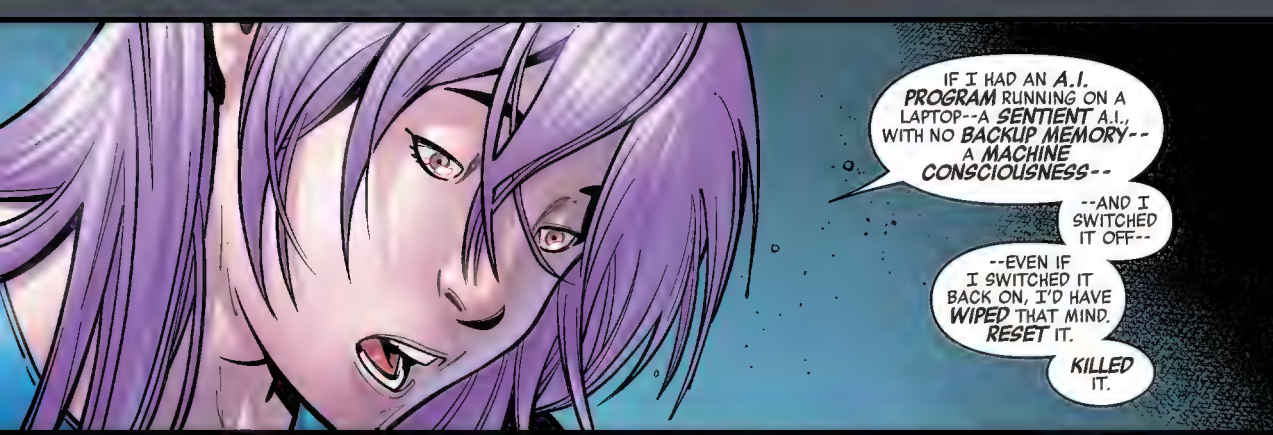
SO? SO
WHAT?

SO THE
SYSTEM RESETS,
WHAT DOES THAT
MATTER? WHY DOES
THAT MEAN SHE
HAS TO--

SHE HAS
TO.



DAMN
IT. I'M AN
IDIOT.

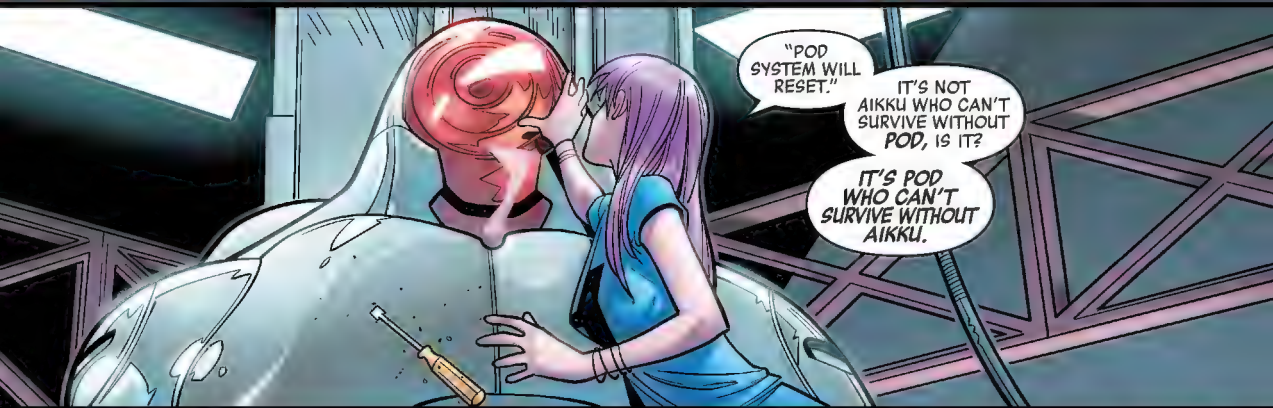


IF I HAD AN A.I. PROGRAM RUNNING ON A LAPTOP--A **SENTIENT** A.I., WITH NO **BACKUP MEMORY**--A MACHINE CONSCIOUSNESS--

--AND I SWITCHED IT OFF--

--EVEN IF I SWITCHED IT BACK ON, I'D HAVE **WIPE**D THAT MIND. **RESET** IT.

KILLED IT.



"POD SYSTEM WILL **RESET**."

IT'S NOT AIKKU WHO CAN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT **POD**, IS IT?

IT'S **POD** WHO CAN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT AIKKU.

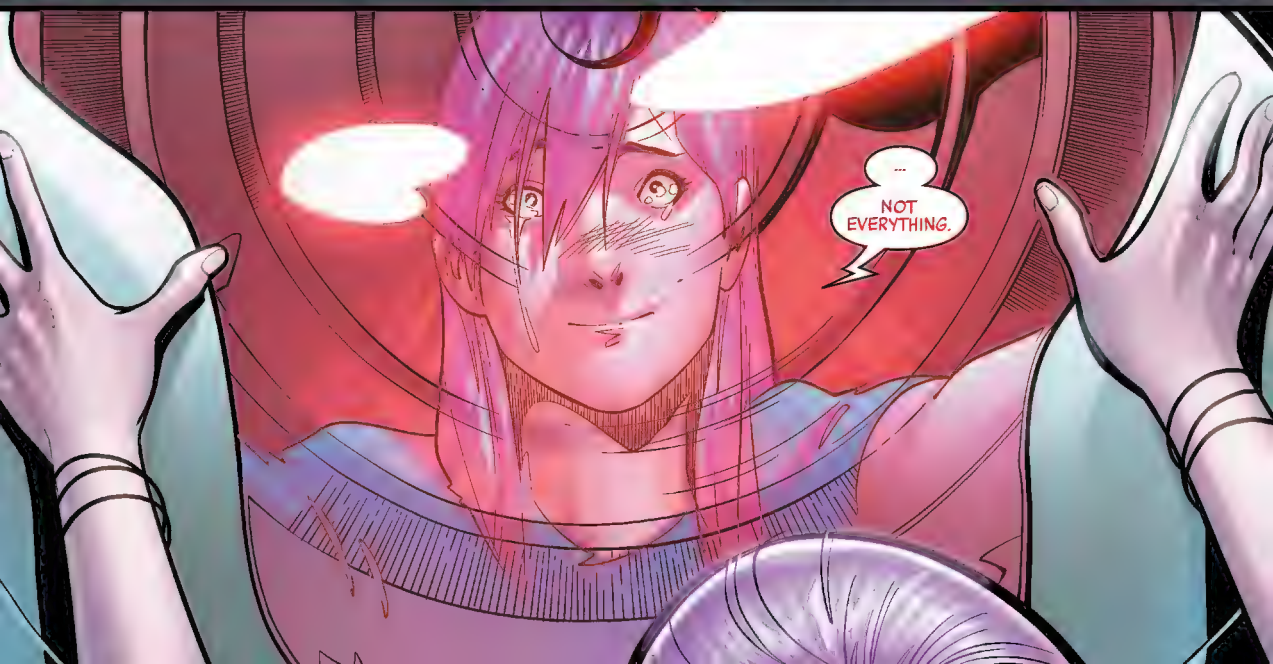


AND YOU **KNOW** THAT, DON'T YOU, AIKKU?

YOU **KNOW**, AND...AND EVEN THOUGH NOBODY ELSE **UNDERSTOOD**, NOBODY ELSE **COULD** UNDERSTAND...YOU... YOU STILL...

...TO KEEP THIS UNIQUE CONSCIOUSNESS **ALIVE**, YOU...

...YOU GAVE UP EVERYTHING.



...
NOT EVERYTHING.

SHRAKROOMMM



AIKKU!

...and
you're
dead.

**SHRA-
KROOOOM!**

**TO BE
CONTINUED...**

NEXT ISSUE:



***NEW AVENGERS vs.
NEW REVENGERS!***